Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No.

639. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to State.—

(a) what will be the approximate increase in expenditure if a central District Court at Chalakkudi is established for the above mentioned taluks;

(b) whether the existing Sirkar buildings at Chalakkudi will be sufficient for holding such court there?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) The approximate increase in expenditure will come to Rs. 19,000 a year (establishment charges only).

(b) Government have not ascertained.

Want of a bridge at Aroor.

640. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they are aware of the difficulties experienced by the travelling public for want of a bridge at Aroor:

(2) how deep is the water at Aroor near the ferry;

(3) can boats be had at all times of the day at the place?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No complaints have been received pointing out the difficulties. Every facility has been provided for the convenience of travellers;

(b) About 20 feet in some places.

(c) Yes, and even at night till 10 p. m.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is the nature of the facility?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have arranged for Changadom service for the carriage of cars from one side to the other.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is there any proposal to construct a bridge there in conjunction with the Travancore Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There has been a proposal but no definite action has been taken.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know whether the Changadom is kept on this side?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Changadom has no particular place to be kept.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—How many Changadams have you got?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is at present one Changadom.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Have you got to pay anything for the Changadom? Is it free?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is free.

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Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether one Changa dam will be sufficient for the traffic?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—So far as our investigations go, one Changadam is supposed to be sufficient.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—How many cars are travelling? Do you know? Have the Government got figures?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is in consideration of the number of cars that travel along that, we thought that one Changadom will be sufficient.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether that toll is auctioned?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—So, on account of the figures, I think the toll might have been auctioned. Have the Government made any enquiries of the number of vehicles that will be passing on those roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, we have made investigations as to the number of cars passing along that road and that is the reason why we thought one Changadam will be sufficient.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to give me the average figures?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether one Changadam will be sufficient for vehicles coming from both the sides? Whether the cars will not have to wait?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One Changadam can carry only one vehicle at a time.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—So that one will be detained.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether it is not inconvenient to the public?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. It may entail some inconvenience.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—What will be the cost of one Changadam if it is increased by one, for the facilities of the passengers.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is there any understanding with the Travancore Government in regard to the construction of a bridge?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There has been a proposal by us that the Travancore Government and ourselves might join and construct an embankment.

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Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What has become of that?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Nothing definite has been settled about it.

Mr. George Chakyamuri—Will the Government be pleased to carry on the necessary negotiations with the Travancore Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Steps to combat Small-pox in Cranganur.

641. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to give a detailed statement regarding their activities to combat the recent attack of small-pox in each of the villages of Cranganur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—*Eriyad.* It was in this village that the disease was at its worst. In all 27 attacks and 8 deaths have been reported from here. An intensive vaccination campaign was carried on here and as many as 793 cases were vaccinated. The poor patients were fed at Government expense and a sum of Rs. 4—4—0 has been spent on that account. The epidemic is subsiding.

Methala. There have been 8 attacks, but no death has been reported from this village. The inhabitants of this village were evincing a spirit of opposition in the matter of vaccinatinn, still by perusasion, 114 were vaccinated. It is expected that by the enforcement of compulsory vaccination a still larger number will be protected soon.

Pulloot. Two attacks and one death from small-pox have been reported from this village. The people were quite repugnant to the idea of vaccination, and as such only 19 vaccination cases could be done; still vaccination is being carried on. Here also the rules of compulsory vaccination are being enforced.

Lokamaleswaram. One case of small-pox has just occurred here and vaccination campaign has been started. The work is being pushed on in spite of the spirit of unwillingness on the part of a great majority. Only 27 cases of vaccination have been done so far. The rules of compulsory vaccination will have to be enforced here also.

Azhikode. Information having just been received of the outbreak of small-pox in Azhikode, necessary prophylactic measures are being taken to check the spread of the disease.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the sub-section, Azhikode—May I know whether any information has been received by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. Not till now.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—With reference to Eriad may I know what is the population of that village?

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